



Dear Parents & Carers

1 March 2019

Welcome back after the half-term break. The children in Reception did an amazing job in their class assembly this morning. They presented their learning about the *Gruffalo* in a very creative way, incorporating drama and music. It is wonderful to see how much they have grown in confidence since joining us in September. Well done to all of the Reception children and the staff involved.

Upcoming dates

A reminder below of the upcoming dates for your diary next week.

- Wednesday 6th March - Ash Wednesday Service at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend, the playground will be open for parking from 1:45pm.
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day- dress up as your favourite book character.

World Book Day- 7th March

Author, Lindsey Kennedy and illustrator, Alicia Howard will be coming into school to read, and talk about their new story book *Ruby Long Dog* to the children. Lindsey and Alicia will be visiting each class throughout the day. The children will have opportunities to ask questions and see some of the original artwork for the book. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book for your child, they cost £9.99 and can be ordered in advance of the visit. If you would like to pre-order, money must be sent in an envelope to the school office by Wednesday next week. Please clearly label the envelope with your child's name and class. There will also be some books on sale at the end of the day next Thursday should you wish to purchase then. Don't forget to complete your reading challenge sheet which is going home in the book bags today!

DSPL7 is conducting a survey to further understand the views and opinions of parents/carers living with a child attending an educational setting within our local area (St Albans, Harpenden and Villages). It is a short survey that should only take a few minutes to complete <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2RYY5ZG>.

Sibs Group - follow the link for information about this group which meets monthly to offer support to children in Years 3-7 who have a sibling with additional needs <http://ssasinfants.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/SIBS-Flyer-2018-19.pdf>.

PTA Notices

Happy's Circus, Samuel Ryder Academy, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th, June 2019

Samuel Ryder Academy PTA will be hosting Happy's Circus on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June, 2019. If you are interested in attending, tickets will be available from March 1st to those outside the Samuel Ryder school community. A donation will be made to our PTA, for each ticket bought by a member of our school community, provided the purchaser selects 'St Albans & St Stephen's' option in the dropdown next to 'Pupil's class' when buying tickets. To purchase tickets, it is necessary to register on the Samuel Ryder Academy PTA website. The address is <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sra>. It is a simple process. You do not need to accept newsletter and marketing e-mails, but you must accept their terms and conditions. Single tickets cost £9, and family tickets are £34. You will be emailed tickets, please ensure these are printed out and brought along on the night.

Have a restful weekend everyone, God bless.

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